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> New U.S. Patent Application Title: LOW-SMOKE SELF-EXTINGUISHING ELECTRICAL CABLE AND FLAME-RETARDANT COMPOSITION USED THEREIN being a Continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/06910, filed on September 17, 1999 Inventors and Addresses:

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a Continuation application of

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PCT/EP99/06910, filed on September 17, 1999, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 98118194.4, filed on September 25, 1998 and US Provisional Application No. 60/102,926, filed on October 1, 1998.

- 1. Application 32 pages, including 3 independent claims and 15 claims total (as amended).
- 2. Drawings 1 sheet of drawings containing 1 figure
- 3. Preliminary Amendment.
- 4. Certified copy of European Patent Application No. 98118194.4, filed on September 25, 1998.
- 5. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
- 6. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$	710.00
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Total Claims	15	-	20	0	x \$18		
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- 7. A check for \$710.00 is enclosed for filing fee.
- 8. Cover page of WIPO Publication No. WO 00/19452 of International Application No. PCT/EP99/06910 with English-language abstract.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Patent Application No. 98118194.4, filed on September 25, 1998 and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/102,926, filed on October 1, 1998.

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Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted.

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